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In re Application of  
Katsunori Hirase et al  
Application No. 09/216,855  
Filed: December 21, 1998  
Attorney Docket No. P3213-9006

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: DECISION GRANTING PETITION  
: TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF  
: ABANDONMENT  
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This is a decision on the petition filed on January 13, 2003, requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment under MPEP 711.03(c)(II) and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a). No fee is required.

The Notice of Abandonment was mailed December 13, 2002 for failure to timely submit a response to the Office action mailed December 7, 2001.

Petitioner alleges that no Office action was received.

A review of the file record indicates that the petitioner is correct. There was an irregularity in the mailing of the Office action of December 7, 2001, as it was mistakenly mailed to the incorrect correspondence address.

Accordingly, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The Notice of Abandonment is hereby vacated and the holding of abandonment withdrawn. The Office action mailed December 7, 2001 is hereby vacated. The application file is being forwarded to the examiner for issuing a new Office action. The time period for response will be set to run from the date the new Office action is mailed.

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